

# **Virginia Reform & Restructuring Commission**

## ***Amendments to Recommendations***

9/24/2010

### **Recommendation 4:**

That the Commission recommends to the Governor that Virginia adopts a presumption that all information is public, unless a case exists for security reasons, individual confidentiality reasons or corporate confidentiality reasons that the information should remain confidential.

### **Recommendation 8:**

That the Commission recommends that the government adopt a purchasing philosophy stating that it will purchase goods and services from the best provider by subjecting more of the government's purchases to competition. (This philosophy should recognize that there are some functions of government that are essentially governmental in nature and should not be performed in the private sector.)

- To that end, it will develop procedures that will allow multiple choices to be available to purchasers, consequently improving the quality and price of those choices.
- Competition in purchasing is the best mechanism for ascertaining the best value.
- All activities that are not inherently governmental should be subjected to competitive pressure.
- Government providers may participate in competitions for competitively bid services. To do so they must first create a separate profit center for the unit bidding to provide the service.
- Departments should create internal markets that allow departments to bid to provide shared services. (Example: legal services, accounting services, human resource services, payroll services, data entry, data collection, etc.)
- Shared services should be required to operate on a contractual basis.

*Explanatory note: This recommendation does not seek to replace existing competitive purchasing processes that work well, but to emphasize that competition is necessary to acquire the best quality, innovation and price for the goods and services available. The recommendation also places emphasis on subjecting those purchasing procedures not currently subjected to competitive pressure to be subjected to such competition.*